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## Luring charges for woman who worked at school

**YOUTH** A woman who worked at a south Alberta school has been charged with sexual exploitation and luring a child.


Police allege a 39-year-old woman communicated with two boys at the school by cellphone and text messages. She allegedly talked to one starting in the fall of 2007 and one in late 2008. Neither was physically harmed, police say.

Tanya Marie Cossette is charged with sexual exploitation, luring, communicating with a person under the age of 18 to obtain a sexual service and trafficking marijuana. She is scheduled to appear in court in Okotoks on Friday.

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Oilers

Another upset



Edmonton Oilers' Ethan Moreau, left, and Shawn Horcoff hit Chicago Blackhawks' Cam Barker during first period NHL hockey action in Edmonton yesterday. The Blackhawks triumphed 4-2. Sports, page 10

## Club lets lawsuits fly against City Centre

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**TRAVEL** The battle over closure of the City Centre Airport isn't over yet, with the filing of a lawsuit the Edmonton Flying Club says hinges on a lease broken 42 years premature.

"We warned that lawsuits would fly if the airport authority and city hall were a party to closure, and that's exactly what we've seen," Alberta Enterprise Group president Tim Shipton said yesterday.

terday.

The lawsuit, filed last week by lawyers of Edmonton Flying Club president Ralph Henderson, alleges the City of Edmonton lease doesn't contain an early termination clause, and the Edmonton Regional Airport Authority is required to operate the airport until 2052.

The group says trips in and out of the site are essential for speedy health service, citing an early December Medevac flight in jeopardy of being re-routed due to nasty weather. They

claim a patient would likely have died had the plane been re-routed from the City Centre Airport.

"It's all about time," Shipton said. "There is no simpler or effective solution."

Officials say an estimated 10,000 Medevac flights to and from the airport were flown in 2009.

Edmonton Airport Authority spokeswoman Traci Bednard wouldn't comment on the specifics of the lawsuit yesterday, citing respect for legal process.

# Life term for murder

## Woman's sentence brings no closure for girl's mother

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The mother of a slain 13-year-old girl felt no relief yesterday upon hearing a decision that an Edmonton woman will serve a life sentence for her part in the brutal rape and deadly beating.

"I'll never have closure," Peacha Atkinson told Metro yesterday.

Stephanie Bird, 22, one of five people charged in the April 2005 murder of Nina Courtepatte, was initially given a 12-year sentence after she was found guilty of a lesser charge of manslaughter.

The Supreme Court of Canada overturned the conviction last December and ruled the 22-year-old woman was guilty of first-degree murder.

Trial testimony suggested Bird struck the first blow and held Nina down during the rape.

Bird's lawyer argued that she should be absolved of murder because she says she left the scene before the fatal beating began.

In a unanimous decision, the high court concluded there wasn't enough evidence to show Bird, who was 17 at the time of the killing, had had a change of heart.

"She didn't have a change of heart," Atkinson said. "She has no remorse." Atkinson has sat

**"A day doesn't go by where we don't wonder where she'd be now. She wanted to be famous: A model; an actress; a singer ... She would have made it."**

Peacha Atkinson, Courtepatte's mother

through countless trials of those accused in her daughter's murder. Two men were found guilty of first-degree murder, a then-teenage girl was found guilty of second-degree murder, and another man was acquitted.

Atkinson says never-ending court dates keep her daughter's murder in the forefront of her mind, though she died almost five years ago.

"A day doesn't go by where we don't wonder where she'd be now," Atkinson said. "She wanted to be famous: A model; an actress; a singer. She would have got there. She would have made it and made sure people recognized her."

Bird, who was convicted as a young offender and sentenced as an adult, has been behind bars for five years and will be eligible to apply for parole in another five.

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## Weekend concert for Haiti relief

Local francophone artists will throw a free concert this weekend to raise cash for Haiti relief efforts. The event, dubbed Operation Haiti, will take place Sunday in the auditorium of Campus Saint-Jean (8406 - 91 St.). For more information, or to perform for the event, call (780) 469-4401.

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## Drug kit aims to educate

Guide offers parents info sheets, tips on how to talk to youth

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For some parents, discussing the birds and the bees with their teenagers is a tough enough subject to broach. Drugs and alcohol may not even be on their radar.

But the City of Edmonton's latest tool kit for parents to educate their youngsters about these subjects is now available in 12 languages.

The tool kit was developed with the input of front-line community and youth workers as well as parents. It includes information sheets with pictures of what drugs look like, their street names and ef-



Edmonton police Const. Craig Hordal shows some of the different narcotics today's youth can be exposed to.

fects, as well as handouts with suggestions on what to do if you find drugs, how to initiate conversations with youth, and links to further resources and supports

Const. Craig Hordal of the Edmonton Police Service said the guide is instrumental for parents looking to have frank discussions with youth, as they are inundat-

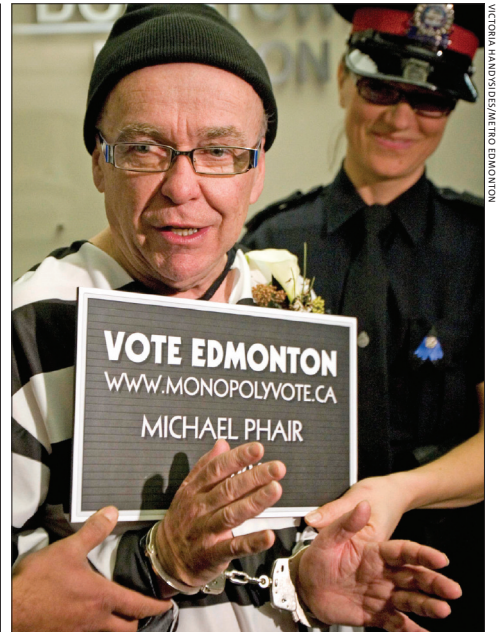
ed every day with pressures surrounding illegal street drugs in addition to alcohol and tobacco.

"It's out there, they see it," Hordal said. "It's important for us as parents to see it."

David Sawyer, 17, was present at the city hall unveiling and felt it was important for parents to have the kit so they can be credible when they talk to their youngsters.

"If it's just a parent speaking, you don't know how much is based on their opinion," he said, adding the handouts are helpful in this regard.

The tool kits are available online and through victim services with Edmonton police.



Former city councillor Michael Phair poses for a mock mugshot in a pitch to get Edmontonians to vote for the city to get on the Canadian Monopoly board. Phair was cuffed for rolling doubles three times in a row, and will remain in jail until voting closes Feb. 7.

## Edmontonians urged to vote city onto Monopoly board

### SunnySide

**CONTEST** A handcuffed, shouting ex-city councillor was thrown in jail yesterday without a chance to pass go or collect \$200.

Michael Phair donned a pretend prison-issue jumpsuit, pleading with Edmontonians to vote for the city's place in the newest edition of Canadian Monopoly.

Twenty spots are available and will be granted to the cities with the most votes.

"We can beat every town. We're just getting started

and rolling. This is a big city, we dream big, and we're going to make this a big production," Phair said. "We'll be on that new Monopoly board when it comes out — believe me."

Edmonton sat smack in the middle yesterday afternoon in 10th place, between Kawartha Lakes, Ont., and St. John's, N.L.

A tiny Quebec town, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, was in first place yesterday, while Toronto sat in the 20th spot.

"We know Edmontonians will rally to the cause and get us into the top 10," city manager Robert Moyle said. "It would be great to have everyone in Canada who plays the game to see us and put us on the map."

Voting at monopolyvote.ca closes Feb. 7. **VICTORIA HANDYSIDES/METRO EDMONTON**

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@mspixierlot Oh look, ETS fares are going up again. Maybe the extra money will help the buses run on time? #yegtransit #yeg  
@mandiwise Just saw a \$50 bill in the #Haiti coin collection box at #TimHortons. Awesome! #yeg

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## Future of Alberta Hospital Edmonton focus of town hall meeting tonight

There will be a town hall meeting tonight on the future of Alberta Hospital Edmonton. It will be at 7 p.m. at Southminster-Steinhauer United Church at 10740 — 19 Ave. The focus of the meeting will be the need to maintain and redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as an integral part of the health-care system. **METRO EDMONTON**

# DJ Craze legend outlasts myth

Famed turntablist has new single, working on routine

YURI WUENSCH  
for Metro Edmonton



**Separating fact from fiction in the entertainment industry is an ongoing challenge. And so it goes with legend and myth. Take one Arish Delgado, otherwise known as DJ Craze, for example.**

The legend: A turntablist extraordinaire, Craze holds the distinction of being the only DJ to ever win the world DMC championship three times in a row. His trophy case also holds titles from, amongst others, the ITF Scratch Off Championships and the Winter Music Conference Scratch Off Championships. He's even acted as the tour DJ for Kanye West's 2008 Glow in the Dark tour.

The myth: At last year's Shambhala, a popular woodland rave in the B.C. interior, Craze was, well, crazed. Under the influence, with utter disregard for DJ politesse and to the dismay of onlookers, he started woefully cutting and scratching over one of the U.K.'s best and brightest dubstep acts.

"Oh, God," Craze moans. "Shambhala isn't admittedly the kind of



SUBMITTED PHOTO

DJ Craze will be bringing the beats to the Starlite Room this Saturday.

party I am used to. Let's just say that the vibe was sick, the lineup was sick ... and I was sick the next day."

Nowadays, eschewing or at least progressing onward from his DMC hip-hop roots, Craze's own

sound has evolved into more club-oriented and danceable fare. His latest single, Drop to the Flo, is big, bouncy and tough to define genre-wise.

The upbeat tune is seeing a release soon on Craze and Kill the Noise's

## At the Starlite

- DJ Craze, Propa Tingz, Will Bailey and Degree hit the Starlite Room on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 9 p.m.
- Tickets are \$20 at Foosh, Ticketmaster and Blackbyrd.

Slow Roast imprint, a subsidiary of A-Trak's successful Fool's Gold label. Like Craze,

A-Trak (Montreal-born Alain Macklovitch) found early fame as a turntablist prodigy, distinguishing himself as the first DJ to win all three major DJ competition titles (DMC, ITF and Vestax), the first DJ to win five world championships and the first Canadian to snag the DMC Worlds. And like A-Trak, Craze doesn't have much connection to the world of turntable wizardry anymore either.

"I am actually working on a routine that will be recorded in support of Traktor Scratch Pro, which I fully endorse, but it will be my first routine in years — at least since 2005.

"I miss it a lot, but the six-minute routines just kill the vibe in the club. I finally had to ask myself why I was still doing them."

## Police seek two male suspects in 7-Eleven robbery

**ST. ALBERT** RCMP are seeking two suspects in an armed robbery at a St. Albert 7-Eleven.

On Jan. 23 at approximately 12:17 a.m., two male suspects entered the 7-Eleven Convenience store located on Akins Drive in St. Albert. One of the suspects pushed a clerk out of the way while the other suspect placed a second clerk in a headlock and demanded she open the cash drawer.

### Information sought

- St. Albert RCMP are looking for your help on this crime. If you have any information about this or any crime, call the

St. Albert RCMP at 780-458-7700, or if you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

The suspects took approximately \$100 from the drawer and then fled out of the store on foot. No weapons were involved in the incident and no injuries were sustained by the store

employees.

Both of the suspects were described as white males between the ages of 16 and 18. The taller male is believed to be approximately five-foot-10 and the shorter

male is believed to be five-foot-five or five-foot-six.

Both males were wearing dark hoodies or jackets and baggy pants. The taller male had his hoodie pulled tight around his face and the shorter suspect was wearing a royal blue skater hat with a round sticker on a flat brim. He also had a black and white handkerchief covering the bottom half of his face.

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## Shell's oilsands case not typical: Analyst

**ENERGY** European energy major Royal Dutch Shell PLC is slowing the pace of its investment in the oilsands even as many of its peers speed up theirs, but observers say the decision says more about Shell than the overall outlook for the oilsands sector.

Peter Voser, who took the helm of the Anglo-Dutch company in July, told a U.K. newspaper this week that Shell intends to focus on exploration for new resources around the world rather than exploit costly "unconventional" ones like the oilsands.

"Voser's comment is pretty much Shell-specific," Mark Gilman, an energy analyst with New York's Benchmark Company, said yesterday.

Shell is a 60 per cent owner of the Athabasca Oil Sands Project, which includes a massive mining operation north of Fort McMurray, as well as an upgrader near Edmonton to process the heavy oilsands crude into higher quality

## Protests

- Environmental issues surrounding the oilsands have also weighed on Shell, whose oilsands operations in Alberta were the scene of high-profile Greenpeace protests in the fall.

synthetic crude oil.

Chevron Corp. and Marathon Oil Corp. evenly split the remaining stake in Athabasca.

The companies are in the midst of increasing production from Athabasca to 255,000 barrels a day.

But Shell has "clearly scaled down" earlier plans to eventually ramp up to 700,000 barrels a day, Voser said in an interview with the Financial Times.

A handful of companies — Canadian Natural Resources Ltd., Husky Energy Inc., Total SA, ConocoPhillips and Cenovus Energy Inc. — have said recently they plan to start up new projects or expand existing ones.

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The Ontario Provincial Police force is the latest police agency to join the social media movement by opening a Twitter account. Police forces in several Canadian cities, including Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver, along with the RCMP, have Twitter accounts. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Canada



## Pie attack possibly terrorism, MP says

A Liberal MP says he believes the federal government should investigate whether the pieing of Fisheries Minister Gail Shea, left, by a woman opposed to the seal hunt constitutes an act of terrorism. Shea was delivering a speech Monday at the Canada Centre for Inland Waters in Burlington, Ont., when a woman stood up and pushed a tofu cream pie squarely into the minister's face. The animal-rights group PETA later took responsibility for the incident. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Games to get a scent of Vancouver's pot culture

### VANCOUVER

### 2010 Games

**OLYMPICS** That sweet scent in the air during next month's Olympic Games might be the smell of success. Then again, it could just be the weed.

It will be far from business as usual for much of Vancouver during the Olympics, but marijuana advocates and police say the city's laissez faire attitude towards the infamous B.C.

bud won't change.

"Our officers show an exceptional amount of discretion with respect to people smoking marijuana and that will continue," said Const. Lindsey Houghton, a spokesperson for the Vancouver Police Department.

While marijuana remains illegal in Canada, with the exception of those with special permits to smoke medical marijuana, Vancouverites are known for their relaxed attitude toward the herb. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Canadians don't trust government: Report

## Deep divide between citizens, government growing

**A new study, on the heels of a public clamour over the suspended winter parliamentary session, claims Canadians are jaundiced about the state of democracy here.**

The report, to be released today by the Institute of Wellbeing, says Canada is experiencing "a huge democratic deficit, with trust in Canadian government and public institutions on a steep decline."

"The disconnect between Canadians and those who govern on their behalf is deep, wide, and growing" said Lynne Slotek of the institute. "At a time when people are demanding

### Turnout

The report says although voter turnout has declined from a high of 69.6 per cent in 1993 to the historic low of about 59 per cent in 2008, it does not mean Canadians are uninterested in politics.

greater accountability and transparency, they see their government institutions becoming more remote and opaque."

The report on "Democratic Engagement" comes coincidentally amid protests over Prime Minister Stephen Harper's New

Year's decision to halt the last parliamentary session and reconvene only in March. A review of 10 years of data, it does not take into account the reaction to the government's move.

National opinion surveys in recent weeks suggest that Canadians, rather than being disengaged or apathetic, have reacted strongly to Harper's decision to prorogue. It has cost the federal Conservatives dearly, with party support ratings dropping to an almost statistical tie with their main opponents, the Liberals.

Slotek said in an interview the public's obvious

dissatisfaction with that decision "is an affirmation of what our report says — that people are interested in politics, they want to find ways to participate, and if they can't, they'll look at other activities such as signing petitions, Facebook or the Internet."

Citing results of past Canada Election Studies, it said an "overwhelming" majority of Canadians feel the policies of the federal government have not made their lives better. Only 12 per cent said their lives had been improved by federal policies when last surveyed in 2006.

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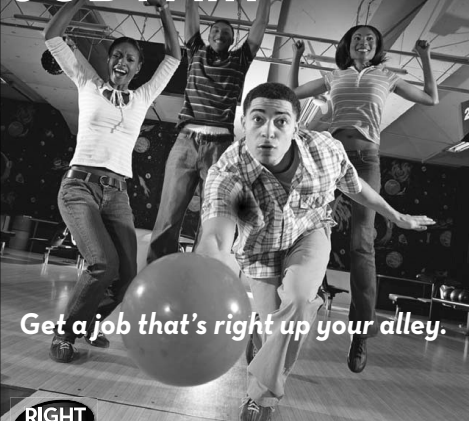
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## Mounties investigating housing scam

**GAMES** RCMP have launched a fraud investigation after a New York couple hoping to see their son go for gold at the Olympics lost \$8,000 in a rental scam in Whistler.

Staff Sgt. Steve LeClair said yesterday that Ben and Lois Mesler thought they'd rented a home in the resort town after placing a classified ad on the website Rent2010.net. But he said the place didn't belong to the supposed homeowner and now the Meslers have nowhere else to stay.

They'd planned to watch their son Steve Mesler, who lives in Calgary and competes on the U.S. men's bobsled team.

Mark Szekely, who operates the online rental site, said a man calling himself Jason Hartlen responded to the Meslers' ad and collected the money.

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Being named Olympic flag-bearer can sometimes be a difficult honour for harried athletes to accept. Scan this code for the story.

## Kelowna Olympic medallist carries torch



Former Olympic silver medallist for rowing Scott Frandsen of Kelowna, B.C., is all smiles after lighting the cauldron during Olympic torch relay ceremonies at Kelowna's City Park on Monday evening, in which 15,000 people attended. The Olympic games are slated to begin on Feb. 12 in Vancouver.

## N.B. politician's 'pants' rap a hit

**POLITICS** A New Brunswick politician has become a minor Internet sensation after trying to inject humour into the provincial legislature.

Last Friday, Fredericton Liberal T.J. Burke was responding to broadcast comments made by Conservative Opposition Leader David Alward on government's plan to sell NB Power assets to Hydro Quebec.

Burke said Alward's criticisms even took members of his own party by surprise and left the Tory leader with his "pants down."

At that point, Burke started rapping "Pants on the ground, pants on the ground, looking like a fool with his pants on the ground," — a catchy ditty made popular by a contest-

ant on American Idol.

Since Friday, the video of Burke's rendition has been posted on the Internet and has become popular on sites such as showbiz focused TMZ.com.

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Watch a video of Burke's Pants on the Ground rap at: [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)



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## Apple defying gravity

## TheWestView

Paul  
Sullivan

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The question on the collective mind of the media this morning: Can Steve Jobs do it again?

For his first trick, Apple's genius revolutionized the computer by inventing the Mac.

Next, he revolutionized the mobile music universe with the iPod.

Next up, he transformed the mobile phone universe with the iPhone.

This morning, he's poised to unveil Apple's entry in the tablet derby with the iPad or the iSlate, which will be approximately the same size as those e-reader devices already on the

market, such as the Kindle or the Sony e-reader.

And so, naturally, people are asking: Can he do it again?

I hope so. And here's why.

We've been waiting a long time for the Device That Can Do Everything. If Jobs gets it right, the iThing will be that device.

For years, computers have been getting smaller and more mobile until now,

where there's a sweet spot between the best smartphone and the lightest, most lavish laptop.

You can do just about anything on a laptop, but it's just a little too clumsy to fit into your modern 21st-century lifestyle. And you can do just about anything on your iPhone. But you have to squint to do it.

The tablet device has all the potential in the world to deliver all the world: Movies, music, games, TV, and the office, as well as The Office. At the same time, it can be an ideal platform for books, magazines, and this newspaper, among others.

In fact, Jobs could save the media. So far, he has defied gravity and convinced millions of people to continue to actually buy music via iTunes, and publishers hope beyond hope he can do

the same thing for all content. Because if you build something that people really want, they'll pay for it.

And if Jobs has a secret, he builds things that people want. I was a BlackBerry early adopter and a diehard loyalist — until I discovered the iPhone and all the things it could do. Now? BlackBerry, SchmackBerry.

If newspapers, magazines and books are as easy to buy, navigate, and enjoy on the iThing ("enjoy" being the key word), then maybe we're on the threshold of a media miracle.

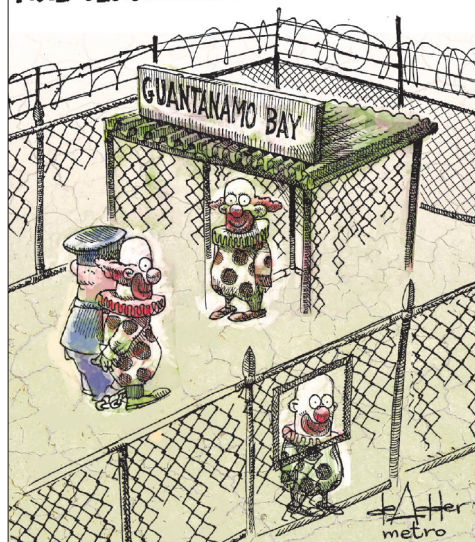
There is every indication Jobs knows what's at stake this morning. He has reportedly said this is the most important thing he has ever done. And there are thousands of authors, editors, publishers, producers and presidents who are praying he is right. Again.

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Steve Jobs

## A WORLD WHERE PIE-THROWERS ARE TERRORISTS:



## Online chatter

**Asked on Twitter:** Are you satisfied with Canada's level of aid for Haiti in its time of need?

## HALIFAX

**@sweethb:** I am very happy with the work Canada has done so far. They were quick to jump in and help. We care about the rest of world.

**@mickeymaclean:** I think Canada is doing an amazing job and Canada is always on top of things when it comes to helping out.



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**@andreamoffatt:** regular citizens have been so great but we need to let families reunite and drop the debt!

## CALGARY

**@cyrusrayne:** Canada is doing more faster than expected, and good on us for it. Getting fatigue from media coverage though.

## Word on the street: Are you satisfied with Canada's level of aid for Haiti in its time of need?

Ashley  
Sawchuk  
Edmonton

A: I think they have with that whole Canada for Haiti thing. I know I called in and donated. It seems like we have been sending a lot of stuff and I feel that we have done as much as we can right now.

Jake  
Sabourin  
Edmonton

A: Just around the city I see people rallying to get all sorts of funds together with parties and fundraisers. I think that everyone is really concerned and everyone that can help out these days is doing their best to make that happen.

Teresa  
Houk  
Edmonton

A: I wish I heard more of Canada putting in their hands to benefit and help. But in brutal honesty, I've heard the States doing a little more of the action and support work. If Canada has, which I do think they have, I haven't lost faith in us, I haven't been aware of it as much.

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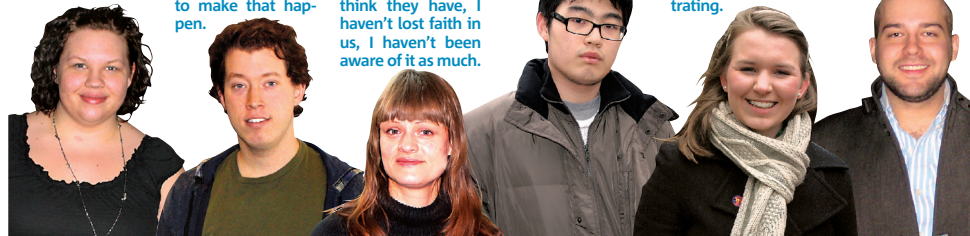
A: Other than the money issue I think we should send more people and volunteers.

Sophie  
Moggridge  
Ottawa

A: No, I don't think so. So much of it goes to administration costs, so everyone in Canada is donating all this money for relief, but a large percentage of it is not even making it to Haiti. That's really frustrating.

Josh  
Walsh  
Toronto

A: Yes, I'm really surprised ... It increases people's incentives to donate when the Canadian government decides to match people's donations. Five dollars is \$10, and so on ...



## Worth mentioning

## Scientists probe alien life

For the past 50 years, scientists have scoured the skies for radio signals from beyond our planet, hoping for some sign of extraterrestrial life. But one physicist says there's no reason alien life couldn't already be lurking among us — or maybe even in us.

Paul Davies, an award-winning Arizona State University physicist known for his popular science writing, said yesterday that life may have developed on Earth not once but several times.

Davies said the variant life forms — most likely

tiny microbes — could still be hanging around "right under our noses — or even in our noses."

"How do we know all life on Earth descended from a single origin?" he told a conference at London's prestigious Royal Society. "We've just scratched the surface of the microbial world."

Davies also noted that less than one per cent of all the world's bacteria have been comprehensively studied — leaving plenty of time to find unusual organisms.

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# World



## Book sheds light on John Paul II's life

Pope John Paul II whipped himself with a belt and slept on the floor as acts of penitence and to bring him closer to Christian perfection, according to a new book by the Polish prelate spearheading his sainthood case. The book *Why He's a Saint* also includes previously unpublished speeches and documents written by John Paul, including one 1989 signed memo in which he said he would resign if he became incapacitated. The book was written by Monsignor Slawomir Oder. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Fire and brimstone become a common refrain in Haiti

Pat Robertson might have plenty of company in Haiti where the streets echo with warnings of fire, brimstone and the wrath of God.

The U.S. televangelist raised an international ruckus with his argument that Haitians' past sins had earned them a punishment from God.

Critics have assailed his claims as "cruel" and "ignorant," but the big irony of the furore is that similar musings are a daily occurrence in Haiti.

In this deeply religious, mostly Roman Catholic country, churches are often crowded with people standing on their front

**Haiti Crisis**  
steps to get a glimpse inside.

Radio news readers urge listeners to go to mass. Even the colourfully painted private buses in the capital carry religious messages over their windshield, such as "God is Grace."

These days, preachers are wandering through public squares, carrying Bibles and delivering sermons to the homeless residents of makeshift tents pieced together after the earthquake.

Mio Janvier is among the

estimated one million who became homeless after the Jan. 12 earthquake.

She says she hasn't been going to church; the preachers are coming to her.

"They just tell us, 'Jesus is coming back.'"

Nickerson Gay says they're being told they might wind up suffering

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Hillary Clinton fires back at critics with spirited defence of U.S. relief efforts in Haiti. Scan this code for the story.

### NHLPA steps up

• The NHL Players' Association announced yesterday that it has launched an online auction of memorabilia to raise funds for Haiti.

the same calamitous fate periodically visited upon the infamous sinners of the Old Testament.

"They've been talking a lot about that," said Gay. "They're talking about Sodom and Gomorrah. They're saying God hit Haiti because there's a lot of evil and sin going on in the country, which is why God hit us this way."

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### India Balancing act



Indian soldiers stand on a motorcycle during the Republic Day parade in New Delhi yesterday.

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## Peace with Taliban part of the plan

**AFGHANISTAN** How can the hard war in Afghanistan finally be won? That is the perplexing question facing Afghan leaders and 60 foreign ministers including Canada's Lawrence Cannon when they meet at a London conference tomorrow.

The conference will see the unveiling of an ambitious plan to sap the Taliban insurgency by convincing some of its lower- and mid-level fighters to lay down their weapons in

### Another look

• Hamid Karzai's government has tried several times to entice the Taliban leadership to the peace table — initiatives that had met with a cool reception from Washington and Ottawa.

exchange for money, job training and other financial incentives.

It is not clear if the plan to persuade Taliban fight-

ers who are not linked to al-Qaida to give up their weapons and join the political process — a centrepiece of the conference agenda — will be successful. Taliban leaders say the plan is doomed.

The Afghan government plans to offer jobs, vocational training and other financial incentives to Taliban soldiers willing to switch sides.

The goal is to reach out to 20,000 to 35,000 insurgents. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Tensions surround Sri Lankan election

**COLOMBO** Early returns showed Sri Lanka's incumbent president ahead of his former army chief in their bitter race to win the country's first postwar election, while government troops surrounded the ex-general's hotel in a sign of sky-high tensions. The former allies, President Mahinda Rajapaksa and his challenger Sarath Fonseka, both are considered heroes by the coun-

try's Sinhalese majority for their leading role in defeating the Tamil Tigers in their quarter-century fight for an independent state.

But their presidential election contest has been acrimonious from the start, with the general accusing his former boss of entrenched corruption and the president branding Fonseka a dictator-in-waiting. Earlier today, troops sur-

rounded the Cinnamon Lake hotel after about 400 people, including alleged army deserters, had gathered inside along with Fonseka, military spokesman Brig. Udaya Nanayakkara said.

Jehan Perera, a political analyst in the capital Colombo, called the military's move "absolutely unprecedented."

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### News in brief

**HONG KONG** Five local opposition legislators resigned yesterday to pressure China for direct elections, in what some consider a desperate bid to revive the campaign for democracy in the

semiautonomous former British colony.

**JERUSALEM** Israel will not set up a special panel to investigate last winter's Gaza offensive, a Cabinet minister

said yesterday, rejecting a key demand of a UN report that accused the military of war crimes. The Israeli military has exonerated itself of any wrongdoing. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**Obama announces new anti-terror plan**

U.S. President Barack Obama has announced a new plan to respond faster and better to bioterrorism attacks and public health threats. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Spirit's days of roving Mars are done: NASA

The Mars rover Spirit has logged nearly five miles during six years of rolling around the red planet. It has driven forward, backward and uphill over plains, plateaus, and even a mountain as tall as the Statue of Liberty.

No more. NASA yesterday declared an end to Spirit's roving career after repeated attempts to free it from a sand pit where it's been stuck for nine months. With Martian winter approaching, the focus instead will turn to improving Spirit's tilt so its solar panels can receive maximum sunlight.

"Spirit has encountered a golfer's worst nightmare: The sand trap that no matter how many strokes you take you can't get out of it," said Doug McCuiston, who heads the Mars exploration program at NASA headquarters.

Trying to look on the bright side, NASA said Spirit

**"Spirit has encountered a golfer's worst nightmare: The sand trap that no matter how many strokes you take, you can't get out of it."**

NASA's Doug McCuiston on the Mars rover being stuck in a sand pit for nine months

it can still do research while stuck in place, provided it survives the winter. Scientists wasted no time drawing up new research priorities for the former rover, including studying the planet's core, tracking the weather and examining the soil in detail.

Spirit and its twin, Opportunity, parachuted to opposite ends of the Martian equator in 2004. By poking into craters, drilling into rocks and driving across the bumpy surface, they discovered geological evidence that water flowed on the Martian surface eons ago.

Designed to last three months, both have dazzled

scientists and the public by working past their warranty, and they're closing in on the record for the longest-running Mars surface mission.

That achievement is held by the Viking 1 lander, which lasted on the red planet for six years and 116 days.

"We're not giving up on Spirit. Since the start of this mission, we've really done everything that we can to try to squeeze every last little bit of science out of these rovers. We're going to keep doing exactly that," said chief scientist Steve Squyres of Cornell University. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Lebanon Service for crash victim



People carry a picture of Shiite businessman and Hezbollah supporter Hassan Tajeddine — one of few victims identified from Monday's Ethiopian Airlines crash — in Lebanon yesterday. The pilot of the jet flew in the opposite direction of the path recommended after taking off from Beirut in thunderstorms.

## Man gets 25 years for encouraging kids to kill mom

**KANSAS** A man who encouraged his children to try to kill their mother by beating her with a baseball bat has been sentenced to 25 years in prison. The Lawrence Journal-World reports that Arthur Davis III was sentenced Monday for attempted first-degree murder, aggravated kidnapping and contributing to a child's misconduct.

Prosecutors say Davis encouraged his 12-year-old daughter and 15-year-old son to kill his ex-wife last June. The woman escaped with cuts to her head.

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## Report on secret sites published

**UN** A group of UN human rights experts has published a report on secret detention centres detailing how the U.S., China, Russia and others have used them in the fight against terrorism. The 226-page report on torture, counter-terrorism, arbitrary detention and forced disappearances will be presented to the Human Rights Council in March.

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## News in brief

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** A retired teacher who turned 100 earlier this month achieved another

milestone the day before she died: Earning her bachelor's degree. Harriet Richardson

Ames got her diploma at her bedside on Friday. She died the next day. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## Canadians skipping TV ads, report finds

In a world filled with technological distractions, television remains a universal medium but almost no one is watching the ads, a report by advertising agency Bensimon Byrne warns.

A growing number of Canadians are surfing the web or sending text messages while watching television, the agency said in its quarterly Consumerology report. As well, more households own personal video recorders and use them to skip the ads, according to the report made public at the Advertising Week 2010 event in Toronto.

As a result, only one in five Canadians is giving television commercials their full attention.

### Tech bits

- Half of Canadians under 34 spend two hours a day online. But 83 per cent of respondents of all ages consider the Internet "essential" to their daily lives.
- High-speed Internet access was cited as the single most

important home entertainment device.

• Just over half of respondents of all ages consider a cell phone "essential." However, consumers over 55 were more likely to also own a landline, while those under 35 did not.

"The overall learning from this study is that technology is fragmenting our attention spans dramatically," said Jack Bensimon, president of Bensimon Byrne. "Advertisers must accept they no longer have a captive audience. Whatever your product, service or message, it needs to be of high interest or it will not

sustain awareness."

The number of households with PVRs has risen to 29 per cent, a figure projected to rise to 42 per cent by the end of 2010, the report found. That's up dramatically from the nine per cent of households with PVRs in 2008, according to the Television Bureau of Canada.

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## Air New Zealand Skycouches



This file photo released by Air New Zealand shows the airline's new Skycouch option. Air New Zealand said yesterday it will set a new benchmark for longhaul flights by offering beds in economy class, but they come with a catch, passengers need to buy three seats to enjoy lie-down travel.

## IMF forecasting quicker recovery

**FINANCES** The International Monetary Fund says the Canadian and global economies will recover more quickly than it had previously predicted, although it warned that this recovery could be stopped in its tracks if stimulus measures are unwound too quickly.

The global economic organization said yesterday world economic output will grow 3.9 per cent this year, up from its previous estimate of 3.1 per cent.

Canada's growth is projected at 2.6 per cent this year, slightly behind the United States but ahead of other G7 members. This compares to a previous forecast of 2.1 per cent growth in 2010.

This is slightly lower

than the Bank of Canada's most recent forecast, which predicts growth will average 2.9 per cent this year. The Washington-based IMF said the recovery is moving at different paces around the world, with the rebound strongest in Asia's emerging economies and weaker in developed countries, which are still dependent on government stimulus.

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Despite better-than-expected U.S. numbers, jittery investors keep TSX flat. Scan this code for the story.

## Toyota halts sales of recalled cars

**AUTO INDUSTRY** Toyota Motor Co. said yesterday it was suspending Canadian and U.S. sales of eight recalled vehicle models to fix accelerator pedals that stick, the latest quality problem to confront the world's No. 1 automaker.

As part of the plan, Toyota said it was halting production at five manufacturing facilities including Corolla, Matrix and RAV4 production in Canada for the week of Feb. 1 "to assess and co-ordinate activities."

There are 2.3 million vehicles in the U.S. and about 270,000 in Canada involved in the recall, which was announced last week. The announcement followed another from Toyota yesterday, saying it plans to sell 8.27 million vehicles this year, up six per cent from 2009.

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## Business in brief

**PRINTING** World Color Press Inc. the Montreal-based printing giant formerly known as Quebecor World, has agreed to be taken over by Quad/Graphics Inc. in order to create a combined company

with 30,000 employees. Quad/Graphics Inc. is currently the largest privately held printer in the United States but plans to go public in connection with the World Color takeover. World Color Press is

the publicly traded company that was formed after the former Quebecor printing business was restructured under court protection from its creditors.

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Canadian Daniel Nestor and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic advanced to the semifinals at the Australian Open with a 6-4, 1-6, 7-6 (8-6) victory over France's Arnaud Clement and Jonathan Erlich of Israel today. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Sports

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## Sheets signs with A's

The Oakland Athletics added another veteran arm to their young rotation, agreeing to terms yesterday with free-agent righty Ben Sheets, left, on a \$10-million US, one-year contract. The 31-year-old Sheets has been plagued by injuries. The four-time NL all-star didn't pitch in the majors last season while recovering from elbow surgery but last week held a pitching session for several scouts, including some from the Blue Jays, in Louisiana. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Send them to the farm

Some time in Springfield might benefit Gagner and Cogliano

TheHockeyNews

Ryan Kennedy

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I don't particularly enjoy writing about how bad the Edmonton Oilers are week after week, so I come to you with a mild solution that would at least preserve the near future.

It's time to send Sam Gagner and Andrew Cogliano to the minors.

The pair of third-year Oilers has done nothing wrong per se; they were clearly brought along too fast by Edmonton brass and the stilted offensive numbers they've put up both this season and last are the result.

But the Oilers can reverse this trend. By sending the two down to Springfield in the American League, Edmonton will give both Gagner and Cogliano the opportunity to gain back confidence and build up their games to what they can be.



Edmonton Oiler Sam Gagner defends Jeff Deslauriers from Chicago Blackhawks Andrew Ladd last night.

In the AHL, the skill and speed of the two will result in at least a point per night for each. This is doubly good for Springfield, which, like the Oilers, is wallowing at the bottom of the standings. So the Falcons get a couple more wins than they would have before and two highly-rated prospects get

back on track.

Not only that, but Gagner and Cogliano would be out of the media spotlight, no longer quizzed on a daily basis on why they aren't putting up the points they did as rookies back in 2007-08 and why Edmonton can't win.

Pressure's off in the 'A.'

where, at most, they'd have to answer to two or three reporters per game.

Both players are in the final year of entry-level contracts, so there's no penalty to the Oilers for sending them down.

The precedent for this has already been set by other NHL teams. Jason Spezza went back and forth between Ottawa and Binghamton, Marc-Andre Fleury was a frequent member of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, and all of Anaheim's young guns — Ryan Getzlaf, Corey Perry and Bobby Ryan, plus current Oiler Dustin Penner — did their time in the world's second-best league. So why not?

Again, this would be done as a learning experience, not a punishment, and I think Gagner and Cogliano would understand that. It's the least the Oilers can do for two first-round draft picks with bright futures still ahead of them.

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## Hawks send Oilers to 11th straight loss

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The Chicago Blackhawks added to Edmonton's misery yesterday, beating the Oilers 4-2 and sending the NHL's last-place team to their 11th straight loss.  
Jonathan Toews, Troy Brouwer, Dustin Byfuglien and Marian Hossa scored for the Blackhawks (36-13-4), who have gone 4-2 through six games of a season-high eight-game road trip.  
Fernando Pisani and Ryan Potulny replied for the Oilers (16-29-6), who are in the midst of their worst losing streak since a 12-game skid three years ago. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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SCAN LIFE  
Post-Games, U.S. Olympian Bode Miller hopes to swap his skis for a racket at the U.S. Open. Scan this code for the story.

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**Vonn, Miller headline U.S. ski team**

Lindsey Vonn and Bode Miller lead a list of U.S. skiers earning spots for the Vancouver Games. Vonn is rolling into Vancouver having won five straight World Cup downhill events this season. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Vancouver Games

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## Sisterly love keeps duo on track

**Just last season, Chandra Crawford's dream of cross-country skiing before family and fans at the Vancouver Olympics was disintegrating amidst misfortune and painful injuries.**

Now, the Olympic gold medalist has secured a spot on the Canadian team and is on the comeback trail alongside biathlete sister Rosanna Crawford — and together they've adopted the title of "super lucky awesome sisters."

"Super lucky" seems to be overstating the case given recent setbacks, but it correctly reflects the outlook of the boisterous, glass-half-full Crawford clan of Canmore, Alta.

By 2008, Chandra, 27, had gone from Olympic sprint gold medalist in Turin and a World Cup leader, to a couch rider with intense



Sisters Rosanna, left, and Chandra Crawford will be competing in the Winter Games.

shooting pains firing up her legs.

Adding to the family's worries, Rosanna, 21, developed a heart condition known as Atrial Tachycardia, where the heart races to dangerous levels. She

says a doctor warned her she might have a heart attack were it not for her extreme fitness levels.

"We both had moments when we thought being together at the Olympics was never going to happen,"

Rosanna said from a recent competition site at Antholz, Italy, recalling a time when her heart raced to 250 beats as she attempted to train.

Both had to go under the surgeon's knife, with Chan-

dra's shins being cut open in 2008 to deal with compartment syndrome, and Rosanna heading to a heart surgeon in December 2008. The surgeon corrected a problem with a nerve that was the root cause of the biathlete's condition.

The sisters are preparing together for the run-up to the Games at a final training camp on Vancouver Island's Mount Washington, and the final push is on to reach for an upset.

"Everything is going great with my erstwhile injuries," writes Chandra in an email message. "Everything is working."

"I'm looking forward to walking in the opening ceremonies. I'm looking forward to my sister and I racing in stadiums that are separated by a mere few hundreds metres of ski trail."

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Oldest Olympian takes it in stride

**CANADA** Curler Carolyn Darbyshire isn't sure she likes the distinction she's earned from her years of experience as she heads to the Vancouver Olympics.

But the 46-year-old, who plays second on Cheryl Bernard's rink, does see the humour in the fact she will be the oldest Canadian competitor — and one of the oldest overall — at these Winter Games.

"I chuckled," she said following a practice yesterday at the Calgary Curling Club. "It's not something I think about."

"I just go on day by day and I don't think of those things."

Bernard, 43, was surprised Darbyshire was the oldest.

"Carolyn is? No way. She doesn't look it. I was going to say Russ Howard if you meant ever," she chuckled.

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## Cross-country team loaded with potential

**TALENT** The official target for Canadian cross-country skiers at the Vancouver Olympics is one medal of any hue, but the team has enough depth to surprise before cheering fans on home snow.

Outside observers like Swiss coach Trond Nystad say the Canadians may break through to the podium in several of the 12 events.

"I am convinced that the Canadian men and women will perform at the Olympics," says Nystad, who has followed the steady improvement of the Canadians. "The talent is there."

Nystad points out that the North Americans will finally enjoy a hometown advantage, as opposed to living out of a suitcase on the European tour where they are unknown and often ignored.

In addition, each country is only allowed four entrants in the Olympic races, a rule that will help teams with less depth.

Cross Country Canada touts the men's team, which includes team leader Devon Kershaw and the rising star Alex Harvey — easily spotted by his shining cubic earrings — as a rising

### New image

• Thomas Holland, the director of high performance for Cross Country Canada, said the Olympics will showcase a transition to spectator-friendly sprinting that will win over North American television viewers. "The days of an individual skier breaking out of the pack and heading out into the woods for 30 minutes are over," he says. "It's very tight, sprint racing. Every minute there's a group going out, shoulder-to-shoulder, elbow to elbow. People will be impressed."

force since the 2006 Turin Games.

In January, both Kershaw and 21-year-old Harvey managed impressive top-10 finishes in the gruelling eight-race Tour de Ski.

Meanwhile, Ivan Babikov, a Russian who immigrated to Canada, gained an international reputation as one of the circuit's most masochistic hill climbers as he managed the fourth-best time in the final race, a three-kilometre climb up Italy's Mount Cermes.

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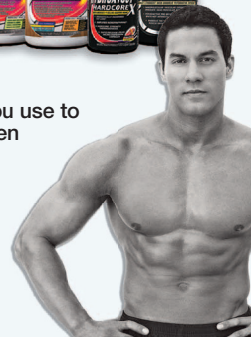
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Former First Nations University of Canada CFO Murray Westerlund has filed a lawsuit against the institution, claiming wrongful dismissal. Westerlund alleged he was marginalized and then fired in December for writing documents detailing violations by FNUC officials. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Fired FNUC CFO sues school for wrongful dismissal**

# Workology

## U of T's Rotman scores big

The University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management ranks as the foremost Canadian business school in the Financial Times of London's latest top 100 survey of global MBA faculties, placing 45th overall. The other Canadian business schools to make the list are UWO's Ivey (49), York's Schulich (54), UBC's Sauder (82), uAlberta (86), and McGill's Desautels (95). **METRO NEWS SERVICE**

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# Cash, courses and careers

Feeling lost or poor at college or university? Consult these experts

JON TATTRE  
for Metro Canada



**Financing your post-secondary studies and parlaying them into a career**

**can be daunting, but that's why universities employ experts to help students**

**navigate a successful path.**

Polly Liao, financial awards officer at Emily Carr University of Art and Design in Vancouver, says she often sees students concerned about footing the educational bill.

"I need to discuss their personal circumstances first, to determine what exactly they're looking for," she says. By getting a clear picture of their finances — what they have and what they need — she can show them what help is available. Internal scholarships are largely based in GPA, but external awards, scholarships, bursaries and grants help a huge and unpredictable range of people. A quick browse at the school's website, Ecuad.ca, shows money targeting people who live in social housing, students who have had tuberculosis, the children of people who work in the pipeline industry, golfers and students of Italian origin.

"We also have a First Nations area and they administer their own scholarship pool," Liao says. "We also have disability service in cases where students have medical conditions."

If students do opt to take out a loan, student services can then help them through the application process.

Once the finances are in place, the next step is picking a career path. "Career planning is very complex and challenging," says David Ness, coordinator of Career Services at the University of Manitoba.

"Most people have uncertainty about that at some point. The challenge is, how do I get more certain?"

His staff offer career counselling, career information and employment advising to help students figure out what they like to do and how to do it for a living.

"There's a large number of university students who are unclear about their career paths and what they want to study," he says. "There might be conflict within a family about what path they want to pursue."

Career counselling can help resolve those issues. The second phase focuses on providing information about hundreds of careers, including a career mentor program. "We hook the students up with someone working in an occupation they're interested in and they get to interview that person," Ness explains.

The information-

## Working at School

**"Career planning is very complex and challenging. Most people have uncertainty about that at some point. The challenge is, how do I get more certain?"**

uManitoba's  
David Ness

tion can help students eliminate potential paths and open their eyes to ones they might never have even heard of, let alone considered. Ness says working as prosthetist, the people who design artificial limbs, or as a non-destructive tester making sure buildings are safe against earthquakes, might be the perfect fit for some students, but "that's not the kind of occupation most students think about coming out of high school."

Finally, employment advising staff help with resumé development, job searching and interviewing skills. The centre also holds career fairs and links to personal counselling if students have issues like social anxiety difficulties that are affecting their job hunt.

## WANTED HEALTHY ADULTS

**Research Study Comparing the General Well Being and Societal Functioning of Healthy Persons to Patients with Chronic Illness**

### PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

#### What is the goal of the study?

The goal of the study is to compare the development, workplace performance, and mood of healthy persons to patients with inflammatory bowel disease.

#### Who can enter the study?

Healthy adults aged 18 – 30. Fluency in written English is required.

#### What are the participants asked to do?

Participants will need to complete ~20 page survey about their childhood & adolescence, workplace performance and mood.

#### Are participants compensated?

Participants will be compensated with a \$20 bookstore gift certificate for returning the completed surveys.

#### Who can I contact for more information?

You may call 780-248-1032 or email [survey@med.ualberta.ca](mailto:survey@med.ualberta.ca) to learn more about this study.



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**Little change in used car demo: J.D. Power**

The demographics of Canadian used-vehicle buyers changed very little in 2009, compared with 2008, according to a report by J.D. Power and Associates. In 2009, the age of the typical buyer increased to 45 years old, from the 2008 average of 44 years old. [CANADIANDRIVER.COM](http://CANADIANDRIVER.COM)

# Metro Drive

## Down to the wire



The finalists for the Canadian Car of the Year have been named, with the winner to be announced at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto on Feb. 11. The nominees are: BMW 335d Sedan, Volkswagen Golf GTI, left, and Volkswagen Golf Wagon TDI.

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## Heaven on wheels

### Auto show rolls into town tomorrow

ANDREAS MORSE  
for Metro Edmonton



**The road to car nirvana winds its way through Edmonton tomorrow as the 2010 version of the Edmonton Motor Show starts its engines.**

Twenty-seven different car manufacturers, representing countries from all over the world, under one roof; the Edmonton Motor Show is the biggest automotive showcase outside of Toronto.

For four days that new car smell will fill the air at Northlands and car enthusiasts will be able to wander through 300,000 square feet of the next generation

## Edmonton Motor Show

of vehicles.

"Northlands was kind enough to expand the building and rename it the Edmonton Expo Centre," said Bob Vilas, the motor show's manager.

In the past the show has been highlighted by power, size, and luxury. Now that folks are finding themselves with a few less dollars, the auto industry is going in a slightly different direction. "The thing about our industry is that we haven't found a silver bullet," Vilas said. "There hasn't been one magical solution to fuel economy and emissions that will please everyone's needs, but there are solutions and we are getting there."

But this is Alberta and as much as you'll see an exotic car on the road, you'll see just as many \$100,000 pickup trucks.

"Close to a quarter of all trucks sold in Canada are sold right here in Alberta," Vilas said. Vilas said the major manufacturers like Ford, General Motors, and Chrysler know their markets and there will be no shortage of trucks at this year's show.

But the car show isn't

just a place to shop. This year's show promises to have a little something for everyone.

"Obviously if you are shopping, it's a great place to do it," Vilas said. "But it's also entertainment."

Vehicles such as this Ford SuperDuty pickup will be on display at the Edmonton Auto Show.



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## If you go

- **Admission Prices:** Adults - \$14; Industry and Early Bird Tickets - \$12; Seniors (+60) - \$12; Students (Require Student Pass) - \$12; Family Pass (2 adults, 2 children) - \$30;
- **Public show timings:** Jan. 28-Jan. 30: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Jan. 31: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Chrysler will bring Challenger models to the auto show.

## A little Ferrari fun for Edmontonians

ANDREAS MORSE  
for Metro Canada



Edmonton is a long way from Maranello, Italy but for four days many Edmontonians will get as close as they may ever get to a beautiful new Ferrari.

The Edmonton Motor Show begins tomorrow at

the Edmonton Expo Centre and Ferrari is back after missing last year's show.

"When I first got here over 10 years ago you didn't see a whole lot of exotics on the road and now you're seeing a lot more," said the motor show's manager, Bob Vilas. "It's not because Edmontonians like to be flashy but they've made

some money, they have a disposable income, and they're starting to enjoy it in different ways."

Paul Faverin, general manager of Ferrari Maserati of Alberta, said the market in Alberta for exotic cars like Ferraris and Maseratis is ready to explode and he's looking forward to meeting with

potential customers.

"The market in both cities is waiting for the switch to be turned on," he said. "We're all waiting for something positive to say, we're out of it, it's okay to go out and spend some money on a toy."

And Faverin and his col-



The Ferrari California

leagues will be bringing a few of those toys for people to dream about.

"We're bringing both Maseratis and Ferraris," said Robert Vacca, director of marketing for Ferrari.

"On the Maserati side we're going to have the Quattroporte and the Gran Turismo. On the Ferrari side we're going to have the Ferrari California."

NEWS CANADA

Paris' 16th arrondissement, home to the Arc de Triomphe and Champs-Élysées, embraced the opening of the new Villa & Hotel Majestic on Jan. 12, 2010. This contemporary interpretation of French luxury offers a choice of 52 guestrooms and suites. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Travel

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## Know the price of snow gear for flights

**SKI** Cheapflights.ca has compiled a list of close to 20 airlines and the costs of travelling with ski equipment along with 'Need to Know' information to avoid any surprises at check-in.

Two examples from the list include:

WestJet counts skis and snowboards as part of the free bag-

gage, up to 23kg each. They allow one set per

passenger. If

over-sized, the fee will be waived, but overweight or extra piece fees will be charged. American Airlines charges \$25 for first checked piece, \$35 for second, \$100 per piece for third, fourth and fifth, \$200 for sixth checked bag.

Ski and snowboard boot bag and one pair of skis or snowboard are charged the checked bag charge for the first or second checked bag item — \$25 or \$35.

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## Take it easy in New Orleans

Learn the ropes before heading to the party in the Big Easy

PAUL BALDWIN  
Metro World News

**Bourbon Street is a non-stop party with a delta blues soundtrack. But there are lessons you must learn and things you must see in this culturally sensitive community.**

### See: The parades

Parade "Krewes" across the city fight to out-do each other with the biggest, loudest, most flamboyant floats and bands. Grab a beer and chair by the roadside and let Louisiana come to you.

### Hear: Bar Blues

The best bar music in the U.S. Every bar along Bourbon street will have authentic, and usually superb, blues or jazz musicians. However, if you hear Sweet Home Alabama run for your life.

### Eat: Gumbo

The fabulous Gumbo Creole at Antoine's in Rue Saint Louis. Perfectly prepared blue crabs, oysters, and gulf shrimp, in traditional restaurant which opened in 1840.

### Drink: Handgrenade

A terrifying concoction of alcohol usually made to a "secret" house recipe. Without wishing to detract from the mystique it's basically about half a litre of rum served in a container which looks like a battle-field assault weapon.

### Wear: Beads

De rigueur. The place is awash with millions of



Beads are a form of currency in New Orleans.

strings of cheap plastic beads which are thrown from the parade floats, and hung around thousands of necks. Strangely, women will bear their breasts for them.

### Do: Relax

No-one ever got frowned on in Bourbon Street for

ordering that extra shot of bourbon as a John Lee Hooker lookalike bangs out a tight version of Boogie Chillen.

### Don't: Disaster sightsee

Although the city is back to normal, many of the outlying wards are still rebuilding after Hurricane



Try the gumbo if you go to New Orleans.



Bourbon on Bourbon Street.

Katrina in 2005. Locals are not keen on being a tourist attraction.

### Say: Ma'am and Sir

Courtesy is a big deal here. Neglecting this rule is apt to be interpreted as arrogance or insolence or just plain bad upbringing.

### Don't say: 'The Big Easy'

In the same way no one in NYC calls the city "The Big Apple" no-one, but no-one, in New Orleans calls it the Big Easy.

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**Geldof's Avatar payoff**

Avatar has swelled Bob Geldof's bank account — he's reportedly set to make \$80,000 US from the hit movie. The former rocker is one of several stars who ploughed cash into a scheme offering tax-relief to film investors. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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# Entertainment

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**Dance card**

Paula Abdul has a million reasons to appear on *Dancing with the Stars*. ABC has offered Abdul a \$1 million US development deal, with one catch — she has to appear on *DWTS*. **TMZ.COM**

## Sparks is shining bright

Bestselling author of the Notebook has Hollywood knocking on his door

**NED EHRBAR**  
Metro World News

With 15 bestselling novels and six film adaptations under his belt, Nicholas Sparks is one of the most successful writers working today — and he does in fact sit down to work every single day. The man behind, the Notebook, A Walk to Remember and the upcoming Dear John sat down with Metro to chat about film adaptations, the state of the publishing industry and making people cry.



**Q** When you write a book now, is a film adaption in your mind?

**A** No, I'm a novelist. Movies come, movies go, and the day I figure out Hollywood, I think I'll be the first in town. It's a complicated thing, and that's a world that I can't control. The only world that I can control is the world of writing a

novel, because if I write it, it will get published.

**Q** But there isn't a part of you thinking, How will this be adapted?

**A** No, it isn't. The only way I think about film in the process of writing is to be aware of films with the knowledge that I'm trying to write an original story. I don't want

to write a book that's been written before, even by myself. At the same time, I don't want to write a novel that feels like you just saw it in a movie. For instance, I would never write a love story set on the Titanic. It was never a book. It would be original in literature, but it's not original.

**Q** What's your interaction level with your readers?



Nicholas Sparks is the author behind Dear John, which opens in theatres next Friday.

**A** It's minimal. For the most part I'm not recognized. I could walk down through the lobby right after this interview and nobody's going to know who I am.

I get tons of fan mail, and everybody gets an answer. Well, almost everybody. I don't do Twitter, but I do have a very extensive website.

And I think I have a Facebook page that my publisher runs. I don't even know how to get onto Facebook.

**Q** Certainly your name is recognized.

**A** It would be wonderful to think the world is full of readers, but it's not. More people would recognize The Notebook than Nicholas Sparks. It's on cable every month, and it's been seen by 400 million people, whereas 20 per cent of the U.S. population reads novels.

**Q** And finally, why do you like to make people cry?

**A** I don't think that's quite a fair question, because that is certainly not the reason I write what I write. I write in the genre of the Greek tragedies. You cover the full spectrum of emotions. So sadness is certainly part of that. It just happens that most people remember the sadness. That's not my fault, though.

## Timberlake named Hasty Pudding Man of the Year

**PEOPLE** Justin Timberlake will soon have a new piece of hardware for his trophy case — a pudding pot.

The Grammy and Emmy award winner was named Harvard's Hasty Pudding Man of the Year yesterday.

Timberlake will receive the award at a roast set for Feb. 5. Hasty Pudding Theatricals, the country's oldest undergraduate drama troupe, said in a statement that the singer, songwriter, actor and producer was selected because he's "one of pop culture's most influential entertainers."

His album, Justified, produced four No. 1 singles, making him the first artist in Top 40 history with four No. 1 hits from one album.

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**In brief**

**MOVIES** American filmmaker Tim Burton will head the jury at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival. The Edward Scissorhands and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory director says heading up the nine-member jury in May is a "great honour."

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## Woodpigeon ready to take flight

**BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI**  
for Metro Canada

The day before Woodpigeon's new album came out, Mark Hamilton — the band's singer — was in his Calgary home, getting ready to lie down after a rough day. He sounds tired, only getting excited when he brings up leaving Alberta.

"I've been pretty lucky the past couple of years," he says. "I've spent five months out of the year away from here playing in places I want to go to."

His family keeps him in the city, and while Hamilton doesn't seem to mind the city too much, he admits he doesn't really fit in.

"Calgary's not the most open city," he says. "It has a million people with one gay bar."

Perhaps his more closed environment is one reason Hamilton hasn't addressed



Die Stadt Muzikanten is the new album from Woodpigeon.

his sexuality on his records. That is, until now. On his latest disc, Die Stadt Muzikanten, the singer — who says he "doesn't live in the closet, but I don't run around with the rainbow flag in my back pocket either" — gets more specific about gender than he has in the past.

"For a gay singer to be referring to gender, for me, that's a big thing," he says. "I've always said stuff like 'I

love you', but I've never used gender before. On this CD I wanted to be very specific. This is who I am."

That honesty comes through on a number of tracks — Our Love Is as Tall as the Calgary Tower is a haunting tune about losing a lover, while ...And as The Ship Went Down is also about a troubled relationship. Overall, the record — which was inspired by his grandparents' life in Austria

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Mark Hamilton

during World War II and their move to Canada — is easily Woodpigeon's best. Similar to Grizzly Bear, Hamilton layers his tunes with rich vocal melodies, delicate instrumentation and lots of reverb. It's all very infectious and easy on the ears.

It's also Hamilton's ticket out of Calgary, and a life he once hated.

"I worked a proper job and it's not something I ever want to go back to," he says. "I get to wander around the world — I don't see anything wrong with that life."

**WEEKLY REWARDS**

From Nicholas Sparks, best-selling author of THE NOTEBOOK

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Kristen Stewart (left) plays Joan Jett (right) in *The Runaways*

## Jetting to the top

**FILM FESTIVAL** Joan Jett kicked open doors for women to rock out in a man's music world. So when the time came for a film drama on how she got her start, Jett wanted to be on hand to help make sure the story was told right.

Jett was an executive producer for *The Runaways*, a Sundance Film Festival premiere that spins the raucous tale of her first band in the 1970s. The all-girl group of teenagers

— branded as a gimmick at the time — left behind some hard-rocking music in their short time together.

Twilight star Kristen Stewart plays Jett and her *The Runaways* Saga: New Moon colleague Dakota Fanning plays Cherie Currie, *The Runaways'* lead singer. The film captures the hurdles they faced at a time when the notion of female guitar gods was practically unheard of.

"Everybody knows Joan Jett, but nobody really knows how hard it was to become her," Stewart said. "We've grown up being told that we, us girls, can do whatever we want, and that just wasn't the case for them."

In an interview at Sundance ahead of the film's premiere Sunday, Jett recalled the reactions that greeted the *Runaways* as they rocked with the passion of the Ramones or the Sex Pistols.

"It was initially kind of laughing, like that kind of smiling, going, 'What are you doing? You can't do this. Girls don't play rock 'n' roll.' And when they saw we were really serious about it, the attitude kind of changed," Jett, 51, said. "Anything from really just insulting and dirty, nasty

things. Calling us names, every name that you can call a woman. Just stupid things. Bands feeling threatened by us.

"You'd think that in the rock 'n' roll world, I guess people think of it as a liberal sort of thing and it wouldn't

be a problem, but guys in bands had problems with it. We wouldn't get sound checks because people were threaten-

ened."

Directed by Floria Sigismondi, who adapted the screenplay from Currie's memoir, the film follows the *Runaways'* quick rise to a record deal and superstardom in Japan through their hasty fall amid drugs and ego clashes.

The *Runaways* tracks Jett to the start of her career fronting the Blackhearts, with whom she scored hits with *I Love Rock 'n' Roll*, Crimson and Clover and other singles in the early 1980s. "I knew from the minute I met her that she was going to be the godmother of rock 'n' roll," Currie told the Sundance audience after *The Runaways* premiere. "And I was right." Jett said she was on *The Runaways* set every day, helping Stewart capture her posture, her guitar style, her East Coast Maryland accent.

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**In the months after her husband died, Corinne Bailey Rae was fixated on the grieving process — specifically, whether there is a right and a wrong way to mourn.**

It's not as if Rae acted inappropriately after the death of Jason Rae from a drug overdose in 2008.

The Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter, who dazzled the music world in 2006 with her sunny, silky self-titled debut, dropped out of sight after the tragedy. She spent a good part of her days simply resting



Singer Corinne Bailey Rae

and, when she felt like it, taking walks or spending time with loved ones.

She was also confused, in a haze, not knowing how to go forward after the destiny she thought she had was forever altered.

"I'm not familiar with that kind of shock that lasts all that amount of time,"

the 30-year-old recalled. "It just sort of takes ages to sink it. You feel it and then you don't feel it; you know what's happened and then you don't really know what happened. ...

"Somebody wrote me a letter saying that you need to surrender to it, which I was like, 'Well, how do I surrender?'"

While Rae still has not come to terms with her loss, she has determined that the grieving process is unique and different for everyone. And for her, it included channelling her emotions into her music. The result is her touching, tender new al-

bum, *The Sea*, started before the death of her husband but finished more than a year later.

"There are other people that have had these similar experiences ... all different kinds of loss and I feel like a lot of people don't really sing about it in popular music," said an upbeat, reflective Rae during a recent interview. "I want to be that one voice that is saying that this is also a human experience that is worth making music about."

When Rae first started working on *The Sea*, she was determined to make an album that grew from the dreamy, groove-based tunes — such as *Put Your Records On* — that were becoming her signature. She was looking for sounds

that were more aggressive, funky and complex. "I wanted to make

another record that was a partner to, and an answer to, the first album," the British musician said of her debut CD, which sold more than one million copies in the United States alone.

"I wanted to write something that was able to match that excitement that we'd feel in the audience."

She had already started working on new music when her 31-year-old husband, described as a recovering addict, was found dead due to an overdose of methadone. In the aftermath,

Rae found herself struggling to adapt to a role she never anticipated: widow.

"The shock of it is still really with me," she said. "It's hard to imagine that it's not going to go back to how it was."

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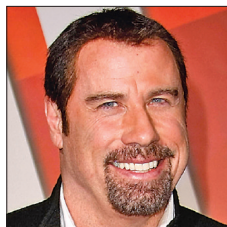
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## Travolta pilots jet with supplies and Scientologists to Haiti

**CELEB AID** John Travolta has flown a jetliner carrying relief supplies into the Haitian capital, along with doctors and ministers from the Church of Scientology. The 55-year-old actor piloted his own Boeing 707 from Florida with six tonnes of ready-to-eat military rations and medical supplies for survivors of Haiti's devastating Jan. 12 earthquake late Monday. His wife, Kelly Preston, was also aboard.



John Travolta

"We have the ability to actually help make a difference in the situation in

Haiti and I just can't see not using this plane to help," says Travolta.

Travolta compared the mission to aid efforts following Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. "We were there right away, with this airplane, because you know we have the ability and the means to do this so I think you have responsibility on some level to do that."

Aid groups have been desperate to fly their own

planes into the overstressed airport. UN humanitarian spokeswoman Elisabeth Byrs said Tuesday that at least 800 planes with relief items are on a waiting list for the airport, which can handle only about 130 flights a day due to a lack of space to park planes as they unload.

Travolta and Preston returned to Florida as soon as their supplies and passengers were unloaded.

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Read tomorrow's Metro for a review of her new album

## Zellweger joins film fest jury

The Berlin Film Festival says Oscar-winning actress Renee Zellweger has joined the jury for this year's competition. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## entertainment 17

# Grammy Awards get young

Beyoncé Knowles, Taylor Swift lead nominations at upcoming show

## The past two Grammy Awards ceremonies have ended on similar notes.

In 2008, jazz legend Herbie Hancock — then 68 — climbed the stage to collect his 12th career Grammy, besting more buzzed-about competitors Amy Winehouse and Kanye West in the album of the year category.

Last year, it was Alison Krauss and Robert Plant who brought their collective career Grammy count up to 33, beating out such MTV-friendly competition as Lil Wayne (who had the year's bestselling album), Coldplay and Ne-Yo (along with Radiohead) for album of the year, and amassing a show-high five trophies.

Going into Sunday's show, Beyoncé leads with 10 nominations, followed by eight for 20-year-old crossover country sensation Taylor Swift.

But some expert observers feel that if the Grammys want to skew to a younger audience, they'll need to do more than just dole out nominations to poppy, teen-friendly acts



Beyoncé Knowles leads this year's Grammy Award nominations with 10. Country star Taylor Swift follows with eight.

— those performers will need to take home some trophies, too.

"I think it's time that the Grammys started appealing to a broader demographic and I

think they're finally realizing that things need to change," MuchMusic VJ Devon Solntendieck said in a telephone interview.

"Sixteen-year-old kids don't want to watch Robert Plant win a

Grammy. They don't. Unless he's with Led Zeppelin, they just don't."

"To somebody who's 16, Eric Clapton feels geriatric. The Grammys' nominating committee is probably realizing they need to be more diverse, and they really need to appeal to a broader number of people."

Indeed, while the 64-year-old Clapton did receive two nominations this year, many of the marquee awards at the 52nd Grammys seem to be stacked in favour of a younger generation of artists.

Beyoncé, Swift and upstart electro-pop oddball Lady Gaga will duel in each of the show's three biggest categories (album, record and song of the year). At 28 years old, Beyoncé is the senior of the three.

The Black Eyed Peas received six nominations (including nods for record of the year), along with Maxwell and Kanye West, and French house producer David Guetta, Jay-Z and Gaga each took five nods.

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Catch the Grammy Awards this Sunday

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## Celebrity Buzz

# The Dicaprio slasher

**SHE KNOWS SCARS ARE SEXY** A woman accused of hitting Leonardo Dicaprio in the face with a glass during a Hollywood party in 2005 will be extradited from Canada to the U.S. to face charges, female-first.co.uk reports.

Former model Aetha Wilson allegedly attended a party at the Holly-



wood Hills home of Paris Hilton's ex Rick Salomon when she allegedly slashed the actor's face. According to

police reports, the Titanic star needed 17 stitches to his face and ear.

Wilson, 39, was arrested in Los Angeles and charged with assault with a deadly weapon but fled the country before sentencing.

According to TMZ.com, Wilson was taken into custody in Ontario last week and has agreed to be extradited back to the U.S.

Dicaprio is expected to testify in the case.

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# Momma Pitt to the rescue

**WHAT? A TATTOOED GIRL WITH A VILE OF BLOOD AROUND HER NECK IS NOT YOUR IDEAL DAUGHTER-IN-LAW?** While their reps continue denying reports that Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are breaking up, at least one person is taking an active role in keeping them together. Brad's

mom, Jane Pitt, is reportedly planning a sit-down with Jolie to work things out, according to the Daily Mail.

"Jane wants what is best for her son and grandchild-



dren, and Angie has agreed to meet her," a source says. While she's never been the biggest Jolie fan, Jane is doing it for her son, the source says. "Brad is trying to cling onto the wreckage of the relationship as he is still very much in love with Angelina and believes they can make it work."

**METRO WORLD NEWS**

# Suri on the path to stardom?

**ALL THAT BARELY WATER AS A BABY MUST HAVE PUT A SPRING IN HER STEP** With actors Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes for parents, it was only a matter of time before Suri Cruise expressed interest in going into the fami-



ly business, but the toddler reportedly wants to get an early start.

"Suri loves her dance classes so much that when she started asking her mom to act, Katie couldn't say no," a

source tells Britain's The Star.

Dad Tom has previously given his approval for the career choice, saying in an interview, "I'd love it! Acting is a great life — to get to entertain people and create characters and stories."

**METRO WORLD NEWS**

# Take the poor sod back

**AND BY POOR, I MEAN VERY RICH** After spending time with Tiger Woods at his rehab facility, Elin Nordegren is reportedly willing to give their marriage another chance, according to Radar Online.

"She was hap-



py when she came home," a source says. "He's told her he's serious about making it work and doing whatever he can."

Though she's been photographed in recent weeks without her wedding ring, sources tell the website that Nordegren is calling off any divorce talks.

**METRO WORLD NEWS**

# Paris poo-pooed at party

**BUT SHE'S A RESPECTED ACTRESS ... OH WAIT** Paris Hilton hasn't been having the best time at the Sundance Film Festival, according to Page Six. First, at a party at nightclub Harry O's, she was too busy keeping women away from boyfriend Doug Reinhardt to have a good time.

"The girl was try-



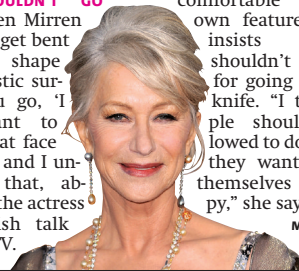
ing to dance with Doug," a source says. "Paris asked everyone if they knew her. Nobody did, so she demanded security throw her out." Then later, Hilton was snubbed by Weinstein Company honcho Harvey Weinstein at a different party.

"Paris tried to speak to Harvey and the others at the table," another source says. "He ignored her, and his whole crew then got up and left her standing there."

**METRO WORLD NEWS**

# Comfortable in her own skin

**THAT SAID, A FEW GLYCOLIC PEELS WOULDN'T GO AMISS** Helen Mirren refuses to get bent out of shape about plastic surgery. "You go, 'I don't want to look at that face anymore,' and I understand that, absolutely," the actress tells British talk show GMTV.



While she's perfectly comfortable with her own features, Mirren insists women shouldn't be judged for going under the knife. "I think people should be allowed to do whatever they want to make themselves feel happy," she says.

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**ROB THOMAS** keeps himself in check, **KEVIN SMITH** gets nostalgic, **SARAH SILVERMAN** can't find any deals, and **KIRSTIE ALLEY** puts her diet in perspective. @ThisIsRobThomas everyday i wake up and say "i'm not going to work out today" then i taunt myself until i make it down to the gym. @ThatKevinSmith 13 years ago today, CHASING AMY had its world premiere @ Sundance97. Been trying to make as good a flick ever since. @SarahSilverman Big sales are really only great if you're a size zero or 14. @kirstiealley GOING TO DINER...TINY LITTLE BIT THAT IT IS...lol...enough to wittle me down, and huge compared to our HAITI friends...will return soon shower after it is wet!

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# Jen gives big

**OH, LOOK! THERE'S A BAND WAGON!** Celebrities are continuing their support for charities to help in the aftermath of the devastating Haiti earthquake, with Jennifer Aniston leading the charge. Aside from taking part in George Clooney's telethon last week, the Friends star has reportedly donated \$500,000 of her own money to Doctors Without Borders, Partners in Health and AmeriCares, according to E! News.



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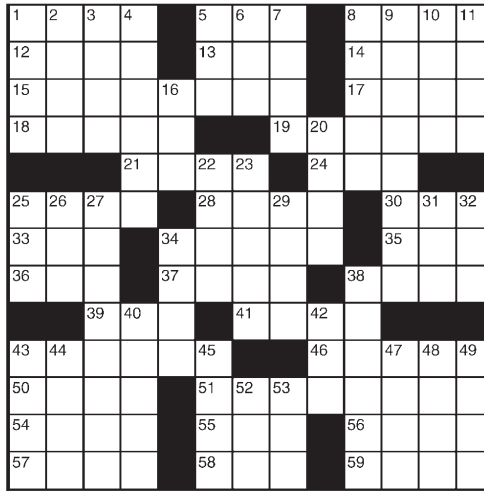
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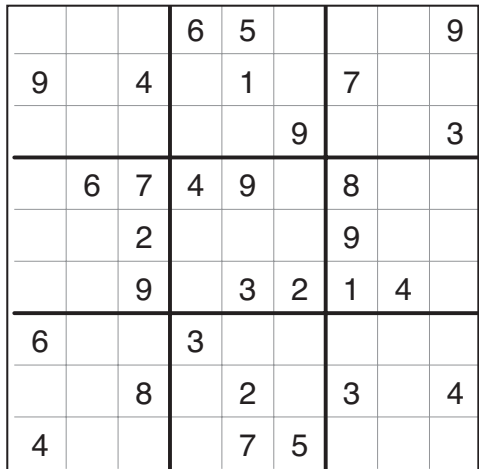
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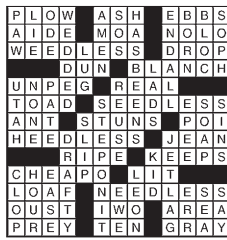
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**Pappardelle with Chicken and Cherry Tomatoes**

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
- 1 red onion, halved and thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 4 skinless chicken breast fillets, cut into 3/4-in. (2-cm) cubes
- 14 oz (400 g) cherry tomatoes, halved
- 14 oz (400 g) pappardelle
- 5 oz (150 g) arugula

**METHOD:**

1. Heat olive oil in frying pan with lid. Add onion and garlic; cook gently 2 minutes. Add chicken and stir-fry over medium heat until lightly coloured. Reduce heat slightly and stir in tomatoes. Cover pan and cook, stirring occasionally, 8-10 minutes

or until tomatoes are soft and chicken is cooked through.

2. While sauce is simmering, cook pasta in pot of salted boiling water according to pack instructions. Drain.
3. Stir arugula into sauce and season to taste. Tip pasta into warmed serving bowl. Spoon over sauce and toss gently to combine thoroughly. Serve.

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**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
Moderation is essential today. If you go to extremes or make promises you may not be able to deliver on you are asking for trouble.



**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
Someone in a position of authority will smile on you today and it could be the start of a partnership that you come to rely on.



**LIBRA**  
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
Venus, your ruler, and Mars oppose each other across the most creative axis of your chart today, which means you'll have a lot of fun.



**SCORPIO**  
**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
Be careful you don't come on too strong today, especially at work where you could clash with someone in a position of authority.



**GEMINI**  
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
You have a tendency to worry about small and unimportant issues and that is something you need to watch out for over the next 24 hours.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
You seem to be in a positive frame of mind at the moment and that's good because there could be a few minor setbacks today.



**CANCER**  
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
With Venus, planet of romance, opposing Mars today you could be lucky in love, but only if you are prepared to overlook someone's flaws.



**CAPRICORN**  
**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
Try not to get involved in a war of words today or people will think you have something to hide - and that could be a problem.



**LEO**  
**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
You may find it hard to keep your emotions under wraps today, but that's not a bad thing. Don't be afraid to open your heart.



**AQUARIUS**  
**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
If you can get through the day without throwing a tantrum or throwing in the towel your love life will not only survive but prosper.



**VIRGO**  
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
Whether or not you enjoy certain tasks depends on your attitude: if you think they are going to be boring they will be boring.



**PISCES**  
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
Resist changing methods and routines that work well. The danger is that if you change one thing you will have to change just about everything



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- 1860: Abraham Lincoln makes a speech at Cooper Union in the city of New York that is largely responsible for his election to the Presidency.
- 1951: The Twenty-second Amendment to the United States Constitution, limiting Presidents to two terms, is ratified.
- 1964: The government of Italy asks for help to keep the Leaning Tower of Pisa from toppling over.
- 1974: People magazine is published for the first time.
- 1986: The United States Senate allows its debates to be televised on a trial basis.

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